



BOARD MEETING NOTES

June 20, 2018

**4:30 – 6:00 pm
World's End State Park Office**

Attending:

Bill Kocher – World's End State Park - Manager	Dave Engle - Chair	Lisa Engle
Jake Klinger – World's End State Park - Intern	Michael Scott – Treasurer / Vice-Chair	Mic Scott - Treasurer
Mike Hokkanon – Sullivan Review	Dan Mumford - Secretary	Dave Koweleski
Mary Hokkanon – Sullivan Review	Ruth Rode	

BOARD OFFICERS:

CHAIRMAN: Dave Engle

VICE CHAIRMAN: Michael Scott submits resignation as Treasurer. The Board accepted his resignation. Michael Scott then nominated for Vice-Chair. **The Board elected Michael Scott to the Vice-Chair position.** The Vice-Chairman assists the Chairman and fills in for the Chairman if the Chairman is not available.

TREASURER: Following the resignation of Michael Scott, Mic Scott was nominated as Treasurer. **The Board elected Mic Scott to Treasurer position.**

SECRETARY: Dan Mumford

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Brief discussion of the process: the Secretary will send draft minutes to the Board for review. Then the minutes will be distributed to all the Friends.
- Meeting minutes will be distributed via a Google inbox:
secretary.friends.worlds.end@gmail.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- B. Kocher will look into any “start-up” money we may have.
- The Alpine Club is generously donating \$500.00
- Donations should go through the PPFF website – designating World’s End.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

- Some groups have differing membership options (i.e., individual, family, corporate); with differing dues amounts for different options.
- Some groups have “free” membership; the average is approximately \$ 25.
- Usually, those that donate are automatically members of the group.
- Also need to determine if we have a fee – when is it due? Annually? Calendar year or some other cycle?
- Need to be able to answer 2 questions: 1) what do members get from paying a fee? And; 2) what is the money used for?
- **Board voted to authorize the following fees: SINGLE: \$ 25.00. FAMILY: \$ 35.00.**

PROMOTING OUR GROUP:

- Today's *Sullivan Review* has a front-page article on the group.
- We can also reach out to the Sun-Gazette, Citizen's Voice, Towanda Review etc.
- The Chair will check with K. Fawcett on the status of a Facebook page and Instagram. The Facebook page can also have multiple administrators.
- World's End State Park does have the Facebook name/account. Ideally, the Friends group and the park should share the same Facebook account as to avoid confusing the public:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Worlds-End-State-Park/107895389233810>
- May want to look at Friends of Pine Grove Facebook page as an example.
 - <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Pine-Grove-Furnace-State-Park-131815140192988/>

- Business cards for distribution at events: the park can print some business cards on card-stock to get us started. The Sullivan Review can also provide printing services.
- Flyers/Posters: again, the park can print some to get us started for posting around the park and distributing at events. We can also have the Sullivan Review print (15 cents per black/white or 50 cents color).
- J. Klinger will work on a flyer/poster – to include:
 - LOGO
 - MISSION STATEMENT
 - FIND MORE INFO : FACEBOOK PAGE AND PPFF WEBSITE.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS:

Look at Foundation website for possible ideas:

<https://paparksandforests.org/friends-groups/resources/>

<https://3lbfea33km482lswmk36ltep-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Fundraising.pdf>

Firewood is a common fundraiser. Can buy it in bulk or cut/split your own (not likely enough wood available in the park to support cut/split our own). Can likely buy a cord at approximately \$ 200. The park does provide winter-time lodgers with some wood (for the first night). Some sell using an honor system – placing near the campground host for example. More on firewood sales can be found on the website:

<https://3lbfea33km482lswmk36ltep-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/firewood.pdf>

- Sullivan County Fairground events: Tables at the Tasteful Event are \$50.00. The fairground events are probably not an ideal source of funds given the up-front fees and needing someone(s) to staff the table. Probably best to focus on in-park activities at this time.

Upcoming park events that may provide fundraising opportunities:

- July 4: 3:00pm 125th Anniversary Celebration at the Visitors Center (venue may have to change?).
- August 25 River of the Year Festival.
 - <http://pariveroftheyear.org/>
 - <http://pariveroftheyear.org/2018-river-of-the-year/2018-river-of-the-year/>
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Mic Scott mentioned the following possibilities for our future consideration:

- Ice – obtaining an ice-machine.
- Laundry facilities.
- Firewood – see more above.

UPCOMING PARK EVENTS:

- INTERNATIONAL MUD DAY: June 30.
- JULY 4 CELEBRATION EVENT: 3:00 pm. Visitors Center. Need help setting up, tearing down, etc.
- GAME FORENSICS PROGRAM: July 28.
- LOYALSOCK CREEK RIVER OF THE YEAR 2018 CELEBRATION: August 25. All day event, concert, etc.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

- GARDEN UPKEEP.
- LEADING/ASSISTING WITH HIKES.
- PRESENTATIONS FOR CAMPERS, ETC.

If you are interested in assisting with any of these events, please contact Jane Swift at (570) 924-1601 or jswift@pa.gov.

ARCHERY:

- Michael Scott reported that the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) training was cancelled due to enrollment numbers; but may try to organize this again. May still offer various archery programs to campers, etc. using the park's archery equipment.

We can post events on the Foundation calendar. <https://events.paparksandforests.org/>

PHOTO BLIND GRANT:

Dave Koweleski reported and distributed information on the North American Nature Photography Association grant program:

- Up to \$1500 is available for the construction of blinds for wildlife watching and photography.
- He has checked out a possible site on the wildlife ponds off Shanerburg Road / Bridle path (locater post 25 on Bridle path).
- Needs a northern orientation (northwest for morning light; northeast for sunset).

- Main hurdle would likely be securing DCNR permission (this is on state forest land – NOT World's End land).
- Dave will check with DCNR office and report back.
- <http://www.nanpa.org/>

PROJECTS:

The group decided to explore improving the campground amphitheater by building a cover/roof over the stage and possibly the entire amphitheater.

The park will look at what this would require re design, materials, construction, etc. and we will then consider further.

CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS / CHILD CLEARANCES:

Everyone should enroll as a DCNR Conservation Volunteer – especially if you plan on participating in any projects (will provide for workers comp if injured).

For more information and to enroll:

<http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/GetInvolved/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.volunteers.dcnr.state.pa.us/cvhow.aspx>

<https://www.volunteers.dcnr.state.pa.us/VolunteerApplication.aspx>

If you plan on participating in activities or projects that involve working with children (without the presence of parents/guardians) – will need PA Child Abuse History Clearance. Even for events with parents/guardians present, there still could be unsupervised children present – so obtaining a clearance is advisable. For example, while the June 30 Mud Day event technically will not require an Abuse History Clearance because parents and guardians will be present – it is possible an unsupervised child could still be present.

This can be done via the Conservation Volunteer program. Michael Scott will look into this and distribute information. (Michael and Bill sent emails the following day on this subject – please refer to those emails for details).

NEXT MEETING:

- Wednesday July 18, 2018 at 4:30 at the Park Office.